

## The Journey

The FSS Program releases a quarterly publications titled “The Journey.” This provides updates on the program, information regarding new resources and the Coordinators Goals. Each quarter based information gathered at reviews, the coordinator will establish a goal to address any barriers that participants may express or to research a particular resource that is needed.

“The Journey” represents the journey that each family is traveling in life. To over come obstacles that are in our path to becoming Self Sufficient. Whether or not the final outcome is financial self sufficiency or just realizing that the path we started on is not the path in life that we have to accept.

Change is necessary...are you ready to start the Journey.



**“Only I can change my life.  
No one can do it for me.”**

**-Carol Burnett-**



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## First Step

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**“The Journey of a Thousand  
Miles Begins With One Step”**

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## What is the Family Self-Sufficiency Program?

"Destiny is no matter of chance. It is a matter of choice." -William Jennings Bryan-

The FSS Program was established at CCDH in January of 2003. It is voluntary program for individuals who receive Section 8 rental assistance. FSS programs are intended to assist families in over coming barriers that prevent them from financial independence.

Once a contract of participation is signed. The family will work intensively with the FSS Coordinator to identify the barriers to their financial independence. Goals will be set on a long term and short term basis. The family will then be linked with community resources to assist in meeting the short term goals as steps to meeting the ultimate long term goal.

Each participant is required to be enrolled in school, training or working. If they are not, weekly documentation is required to indicate that they are attempting to do so. A quarterly meeting is required to review progress and to provide reinforcement of participant progress toward goals.

The Program is a consumer driven program and encourages families to utilize each other as support and resources.

## Why I want my rent to increase.

Once the Individual is contracted for FSS Participation they become eligible to establish an Escrow Account. When the families earned income increases, their rent will increase.

The money that CCDH is no longer paying in housing assistance will be placed in an interest barring account. Once the family has met the goals that they set for themselves, the money is paid to the family. Individuals at CCDH average a monthly escrow of \$ 460.00 and some individuals have over \$10,000 in the escrow account.

## Statistics Regarding Participation.

The average Household income at the initial contract for FSS is \$4738.00.

As of January 2005 the average household income of all FSS Participants is \$15302.00.

Between January 2003 and January 2005 six participants have enrolled and are attending a training program or college. There have been five individuals that have completed a training or college program and obtained full time employment.

FSS participants and graduates have used almost \$8000.00 of escrow money for: car repairs, car payment to avoid repossession, purchasing a car, paying bills and for home ownership. The current balance exceeds \$30,000.



"First it is necessary to stand on your own two feet. But the minute you find yourself in that position, the next thing you should do is reach out your arms." -Kristen Hunter-

**If you are interest in more information regarding the FSS Program at Campbell County Department of Housing, please contact Joe Clevenger, FSS Coordinator, at the number listed below.**

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